

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

69. (previously presented): An insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and a polymeric processing aid, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.5% by weight and is chemically stable.

70. (previously presented): The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97% by weight or more.

71. (previously presented): The insecticidal pellet according to claim 70, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97 to about 99.5% by weight.

72. (previously presented): The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein said pellet has a bulk density of about 36 to about 40 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>.

73. (previously presented): The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein the polymeric processing aid is present in amount of about 0.5 to about 3% by weight.

74. (previously presented): The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein the pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight.

75. (previously presented): The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein the pellet contains no organic solvents.

76. (previously presented): A chemically stable insecticidal pellet consisting

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essentially of acephate and a polymeric processing aid, the polymeric processing aid being present in an amount up to about 3% by weight, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight and remains substantially free-flowing without caking or compaction under drum storage conditions.

77. (previously presented): The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 76, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97% by weight or more.

78. (previously presented): The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 77, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97 to about 99.5% by weight.

79. (previously presented): The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 76, wherein said pellet has a bulk density of about 36 to about 40 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>.

80. (New) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 76, wherein the polymeric processing aid is present in amount of about 0.5 to about 3% by weight.

81. (previously presented): The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 76, wherein the pellet contains no organic solvents.

82. (previously presented): A chemically stable insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and up to about 3% by weight of a polymeric processing aid, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight and remains substantially free-flowing without caking or compaction under drum storage conditions, and wherein said has a bulk density of about 36 to about 40 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>.

83. (previously presented): A chemically stable insecticidal pellet consisting

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essentially of acephate and up to about 3% by weight of a polymeric processing aid, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight and remains substantially free-flowing without caking or compaction under drum storage conditions, and wherein the polymeric processing aid is a vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer.

84. (new): The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 83, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97% by weight or more.

85. (new): The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 84, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97 to about 99.5% by weight.

86. (new): The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 83, wherein said pellet has a bulk density of about 36 to about 40 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>.

87. (new): The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 83, wherein the polymeric processing aid is present in amount of about 0.5 to about 3% by weight.